Comprehensive Crop Insurance scheme under implementation in the country from Kharif 1985 takes care of the farmers' inability to pay back their loans in case of crop failure due to natural calamities.

The Scheme is based on 'Area Approach' and all farmers availing of crop loans from co-operatives, commercial banks and Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) for raising the crops viz. Paddy, Wheat, Millets, Oilseeds and Pulses are covered under the scheme in the areas notified for the purpose. If the actual average yield per hectare of the insured crop falls below the "Threshold Yield." of that crop for the concerned 'defined Area', all the insured farmers growing that crop in the "defined Area" are eligible for indemnity.

Survey of Wakf Board properties in the Union Territories and in some States

481. SHRI F.M. KHAN : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently undertaken a comprehensive Survey for identifying all Wakf properties in the Union Territories and in some States;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether the said survey would also take into account the encroachment on Wakf land and properties?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Under the Wakf Act, 1954, the survey of wakf properties is required to be undertaken by State Governments. This work has since been completed by the respective State Governments in all the States where the Wakf Act, 1954 is in force except the States of Orissa and Madhya Pradesh and Union Territories of Delhi, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Pondicherry. In Andaman and Nicobar Islands the survey work has been started recently. The work in the remaining States and Union Territories, mentioned above, is at an advanced stage.

(c) Survey under the Wakf Act, 1954 is expected to bring out the present position regarding encroachment if any on wakf land and wakf properties.

Discountinuance of Hire Purchase system of D.D.A. Flats

482. SHRI F. M. KHAN : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to State :

(a) whether it is a fact that DDA have since discontinued allotment of LIG/MIG flats on the Hire-purchase system in the residential areas of Delhi and have introduced cash down scheme in its place, if so, what are the reasons threfor ; and

(b) whether Government propose to provide loans to those ecnomically weaker section/retired Government employees who have registered or would like to register their names under 1979 HUDCO and any other schemes and who cannot afford to pay full amount at the time of allotment under the cash down scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) A decision has been taken by the D.D.A. to allot all MIG flats and a portion of LIG flats on cash down basis to augment its financial resources for the housing activity.

(b) Economically Weaker Section/retired Government employees will have to avail of loan facilities provided by financial institutions like Housing Finance Cooperative Societies Banks, LIC, etc.

Allotment of D.D.A. flats at Zafrabad Delhi

483. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply given in the Rajya Sabha to Unstarred Question No. 110 on the 18th July, 1986 and state :

(a) the number of type I flats constructed by D.D.A. at Zafrabad *in the trans-Yamuna area of Delhi* and what is the number of flats allotted to the persons who have opted for LIG flats;

(b) the number of flats which have not been accepted by the applicants;

(c) whether it is a fact that the new Vice-Chairman of D.D.A. has admitted the defects in these flats in a recent interview over Delhi Doordarshan; if so, what are the details thereof and the remedial action Government propose to take in this regard ; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) DDA has constructed 256 LIG flats at Zafrabad and allotted the same.

(b) Allotment of only one flat has been cancelled on the request of the allottee.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Use of Banned Pesticides

484. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that "Dirty Dozen" pesticides which have been banned in several countries, continue to be freely used in this country as reported in the Hindustan Times of 12-10-86; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has been using and recommending some pesticides which have so far not been registered in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) In India, pesticides like 2, 4 5T, Endrin, Ethyl Parathion, Toxaphene, DBCP have either been banned or phased out or are not permitted to be imported for use in India. The pesticides like Dieldrin and EDB have been allowed for restricted use by the Government agencies in the country. Further, other pesticides like BHC/ Lindane, chlordane, Heptachlor, DDT, Aldrin, etc. continue to be used in this country. However, considering the residue problem of these organo-chlorin compounds, the Govt. of India in the Ministry of Agriculture has constituted a High Level Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. S.N. Banerjee to review the use of these pesticides.

(b) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research have been undertaking tests and trails of sec acted pesticides for generating data on their efficacy and safety. These data are made available to the Registration Committee for considering the registration of the pesticides concerned from the angles of safety and efficacy.

Procurement of wheat and paddy by the FCI

485. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :